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Commissioner Swain E. Whitfield Appointed to NARUC Pipeline Safety Task Force

Commissioner Swain Whitfield has been appointed to serve on the National Association of Regulated Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) newly created Pipeline Safety Task Force, a formal working group to coordinate and direct NARUC's pipeline safety advocacy. The appointment was announced by NARUC President Tony Clark of North Dakota.

The five-member Pipeline Safety Task Force will analyze pipeline safety issues, discuss best practices, and lead the Association's advocacy before Congress and the federal agencies. With the recent pipeline accidents, Commissioner Whitfield said of his appointment, "I look forward to serving NARUC and the State of South Carolina on the Pipeline Safety Task Force. Working with federal agencies and other stakeholders, we hope to prevent future pipeline accidents." Commissioner Whitfield will represent the Southeast region of NARUC on the Task Force.

A member of the Commission since 2008, Commissioner Whitfield is the At-Large representative and resides in Blythewood, SC. He is an active NARUC member, serving on both the Committee for Gas and the Committee for Critical Infrastructure.

NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889 to represent the interests of state public utility commissions before the three branches of the Federal government. Its members regulate essential utility services, including energy, telecommunications, and water, and are responsible for assuring reliable utility service at fair, just, and reasonable rates.

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